

Tri-Parish Catholic Community News



St. Patrick Catholic Church
436 W Main St, LeRoy, MN 55951
Saturday Mass @ 5:00 PM



St. Finbarr Catholic Church
504 1st St SW, Grand Meadow, MN 55936
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM



St. Ignatius Catholic Church
213 W Franklin St, Spring Valley, MN 55975
Sunday Mass @ 10:30 AM

August 3, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

From Father's Desk -

There are several great saint days which the Church celebrates these weeks during the summer.

On July 22, we honor St. Mary Magdalene. Mary followed Jesus zealously after her conversion, and supported his ministry. She was there at the feet of Jesus when He visited her home in Bethany. She was there shortly before His passion, anointing His feet. She was there at the foot of the Cross, standing alongside the Mother of God. And she was there at the tomb in the morning on Resurrection day, looking for Jesus. St. Mary Magdalene's whole life was given over to God after her encounter with Our Savior.

On July 29, the Church celebrated the feast day of Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus. These are the three siblings who became dedicated to Jesus' saving mission—which includes Mary Magdalene. The Church placed this feast as a sort of octave day, the eighth day after Mary Magdalene, to celebrate them once again. Because Lazarus had been raised from the dead, which gave a proof to Jesus' true nature, some sought to kill him. Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus left the Holy Land, travelled to France, and were witnesses to Jesus' saving Gospel there.

On July 25, the Church celebrated the first of the Apostles to be martyred for the faith, St. James. Called James the Great or James the Greater, he followed Jesus before James the Less, and was one of the first to follow Jesus as He was beginning His public ministry. James (along with his brother John and also Peter) was graced by Jesus to experience some of the great mysteries of our faith: the raising of the daughter of Jairus, the transfiguration on Mount Tabor, and the agony of Our Lord in the garden of Gethsemane.

Not to be confused with the patron saint of the Spring Valley parish, on July 31 the Church honors the founder of the Jesuits who lived in the 1500s, St. Ignatius of Loyola. (St. Ignatius of Antioch is the patron of Spring Valley.) St. Ignatius wrote an insightful guide for discernment which has assisted the Jesuits and many others for these 500 years. As well, he put together a plan for a 30-day retreat which is still used in Jesuit formation today, as well as by many others who are looking for spiritual renewal in their life.

And just this past Friday, the Church celebrated St. Alphonsus Liguori. During a period of theological debate about moral theology, St. Alphonsus was able to help find the true way of moral decision making which avoided absurd strictness and also pathetic laziness. You might recognize his name from one of the most well-known versions of the Stations of the Cross, as he wrote a beautiful version which has been utilized by many for their Lenten devotions.

In Christ,

Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tues., Aug. 5, 8:30 AM for Billy Eklund
Sun., Aug 10, 8:30 AM for Marvin Gehling †

Offering from July 27, 2025 – Week 4

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,353.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 5,365.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 3,100.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Aug. 10, 8:30 AM

Opener: Diana Weiss
EMHC: Troy Gehling / Dawn Stier
Lector: Denice Gehling
Servers: Kaylee Davis / Chael Stier
Ushers: Logan Marx / Clint Weiss
Counters: Dawn Stier / Susan Baldus

- **MISSION CIRCLE** meets Tuesday, August 5, 1 PM at church. Everyone is welcome
- **SAVE THE DATE** for St. Finbarr's Fall Festival. Sunday, September 7 from 11:30-2:00. Games, Vendors and Food! Hope to see you there.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wed., Aug. 6, 8:30 AM for Trent Bartels †
Sat., Aug. 9, 5:00 PM for Mel Eastland †

Offering from July 26, 2025 – Week 4

Weekly Support:	\$ 577.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 7,371.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 3,559.00

Liturgy Schedule Sat., Aug. 9, 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paul & Cathy Yoch
Gifts: Nick & Kathi Bunne
EMHC: Jennifer Lewis
Lector: Jessica Yoch
Servers: Natalie Bunne / Hannah Huff
Ushers: Paul Yoch / Rod Miller
Counters: Barb Hovde / Rita Miller

- **CCW** will meet on Monday, August 4, 7 PM in the church hall. Co-chairs for the month are Miki Runde and Sharon Jacobson.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thur., Aug. 7, 8:30 AM for Craig & Sharon Chambers
Fri., Aug. 8, 8:30 AM for Marketta Souhrada †
Sun., Aug. 10, 10:30 AM *Pro Populo*

Offering from July 27, 2025 – Week 4

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,605.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 4,840.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 5,124.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Aug. 10, 10:30 AM

Greeters: Brad & Andrea Reiter
Gifts: Bill Mettler Family
EMHC: Joanie Betsinger / Teri Hill
Lector: Joe Mulhern
Servers: Nadalie Oeltjen / Avery Reiter
Ushers: Bryan O'Connell / Paul Klockeman
Counters: Arndorfer / Engesser

- **The Rosary** will be said on August 12 at 5:30 PM by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome.
- **The Knights of Columbus** will meet on Tuesday, August 12. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.
- **Our Local CCW** is in need of a secretary. Please consider being Christ's hands and feet to share the information from our meetings! It is only 4 times a year. Thank you for your consideration!
- **The Time to Start Thinking About Boxes of Joy is Approaching.** Be on the lookout for good deals for school supplies. See sheets posted in the church entry for the items that CANNOT go in the boxes this year and the articles of clothing (undies, dresses and shorts) for the 4-6 year olds to help stop human trafficking. If you would like to donate money for postage, please put in an envelope marked "Boxes of Joy Postage," and place in the collection. On Sunday, October 25, right after Mass, we will put boxes together and share a light lunch. Thank You!

Holy Day of Obligation, Feast of the Assumption

Mass Times:

Thursday, August 14, 5:30 PM, St. Patrick

Thursday, August 14, 7:00 PM, St. Ignatius

Friday, August 15, 8:30 AM, St. Finbarr

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- **Promote Life August 5-10th:** Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) is seeking pro-life volunteers (mature students - adults) to help in our booth at the Mower County Fair. Please prayerfully consider giving a few hours of your time to help protect the lives of mothers, babies, elderly, and disabled persons. Day and evening shifts are available, and no prior experience is necessary. Please call Beth Drees at (507)434-9141 for more information or to volunteer.
- **St. Finbarr** is still in need of a Faith Formation Coordinator and the beginning of classes is just around the corner. Please contact Fr. Parrott with questions or if you are interested in this paid position.
- **SAVE THE DATE** for St. Finbarr's Fall Festival. Sunday, September 7 from 11:30-2:00. Games, Vendors and Food! Hope to see you there.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday, September 21 is St. Ignatius Chicken Dinner and Raffle, 11 AM to 1 PM. More info coming soon.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Winona-Rochester Diocese CCW Convention will be Saturday, October 11 at St. Adrian Catholic Church, Adrian, MN. The keynote speakers: Melissa Neumann "Healing Hidden Wounds" and Dawn Ritter "Hold Your Feminine Genius."
- **Tri-Parish Masses:** Please give Mass stipends directly to Father Parrott along with the name(s) for whom the Mass is intended. Make checks payable to St. Ignatius. Stipend requests are \$10 per Mass and are said during the week and on weekends.
- **Courier:** The July edition is available in the Narthex and on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website: dowr.org.
- **Mass Announcements:** Please email announcements to Mary by Thursday at 10 AM. Subject to edit and Father's discretion.

OUR FATHER,
*who art in
heaven*

Prayer Chain

Please keep the following sick, hospitalized & homebound
Tri-Parish members and friends in your prayers.

Dorothy Steinkamp – St. Finbarr	Lois Gehling – St. Finbarr
Lori Brogan – St. Finbarr	Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius
Ron Neis – St. Ignatius	Rita Bezdicek – St. Ignatius
Joe O'Connell – St. Ignatius	Jane Reinecke – St. Ignatius
Crystal Stern – St. Patrick	Sara Kasel – St. Patrick
Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick	Tom Hovde – St. Patrick
Jodi Miller – St. Patrick	Diane Reinecke
David Geary	Marilyn Calkins
Cheri Jose	Karen Sanford
Sandy Stern	Maxine Mlenar
Jason Emanuel	Todd Mlenar
Kathleen Domaille	

*If you know someone who needs to be included in the prayer chain,
email their name to triparishsecretary@gmail.com.*



Faith Formation Announcements

Enjoy Your Summer!

Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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Sacraments

Baptism: Arrangements for infant baptism are made at least one month in advance. A one-hour Pre-Jordan session is required for parents who have not participated in one previously. Baptism is preferably celebrated during the Mass on Saturday or Sunday. To make arrangements, contact Fr. Parrott.

Marriage: Arrangements for marriage should begin six months prior to the intended date of the wedding. Marriage preparation requires a series of meetings and a marriage encounter weekend. This sacrament is not celebrated during Lent or Holy Week.

Confession: This is offered before the Saturday Mass from 4:15 – 4:45 p.m., before or after daily Mass in the respective parishes or by appointment with Fr. Parrott or Fr. Collins (LeRoy, 507-289-7637).

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Finbarr:

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

St. Patrick:

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

St. Ignatius:

Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.